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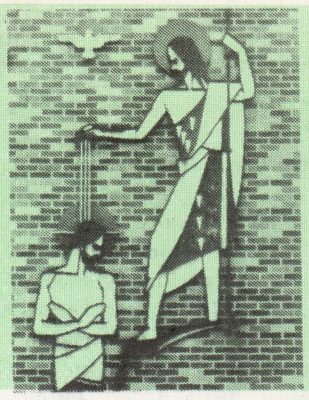

Diocesan Services Appeal '75

PARISH SOLICITATION SET FOR APRIL 26 & 27
DSA PARISH GOAL $9,695.00

Bishop Zaleski

During all parish liturgies this weekend, a pastoral letter from our Bishop, Alexander Zaleski, announced the beginning of our annual Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) for 1975. To anyone who has been a member of this Diocese for more than one year, the nature and the necessity of this annual appeal for the Church of the Lansing Diocese are both well known.

The Bishop capsulizes the scope and purpose of DSA when he says, "Each year about this time, I have asked you to focus attention upon the Christian commitment you and I share toward those in need throughout our Diocese. We face a mutual responsibility in assisting our elderly, in ministering to the sick and the dying, in providing exceptional care for needy children, in giving our young people on college campuses a means for Christian identity, all these and so many more needs that must be fulfilled. This is what DSA is all about."

As one community within the larger Church which is the Diocese, many parishioners of St. John's recognize "the mutual responsibility" of which our Bishop speaks. We have achieved our goal set by the Diocese for the past two years. There is no reason to think that the same success cannot be attained this year.

DSA Parish Coordinators

Mr. Tony Comazzi, Miss Mary Budinger and Mr. Jerry Wideman, St. John's Parish coordinators for DSA '75, prepare the mailings for all parishioners which invite a personal response to the Diocesan Services Appeal.

Tony and Jerry are serving as co-chairmen of the DSA in our parish. Mary is once again serving as secretary for this important appeal which allows the Church to be present and to serve thousands of persons in our own Diocese on college campuses, in hospitals, in special schools, through area Catholic Social Services, seminaries and through special apostolates for minorities to list only a few of the services maintained and

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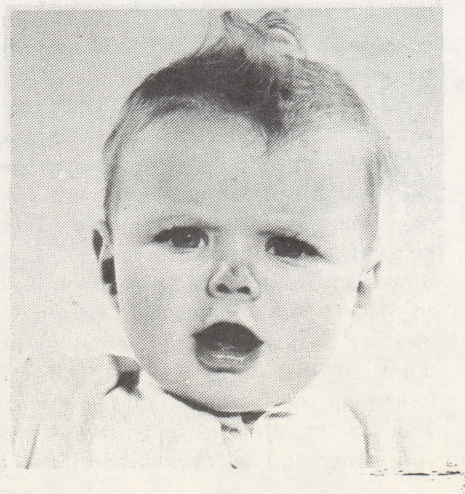
SPECIAL PROJECT '75 CHURCH HALL RENOVATION DRIVE WEEK VIII



"I'm speechless after seeing the great improvements that have already been made in the church hall. You see, I had to make an emergency stop downstairs last Sunday. Dad usually assists with all such emergencies -- because he's my dad and we men stick together. Well, he had to usher so mom came to my rescue and took me to her rest stop. She said she felt more comfortable visiting familiar territory. Well ... you'd have to see that room to believe it!"

Last Sunday . . . . . .$ 1,238.00
Collected to Date $16,465.75
Pledged to Date $18,480.00

ONE WEEK TO GO!!!

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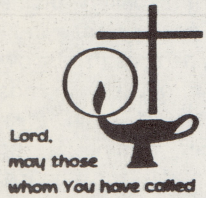
funded in this Diocese.

Within a few days, each registered parishioner or family will receive a letter from your parish coordinators explaining the particulars for the conduct of this year's appeal in our parish. A special pledge card and a self-addressed return envelope will also be part of the mailing. General solicitation Sunday is set for the weekend of April 26 and 27. Please return the pledge card at that time in the special envelope in any of the various ways explained in the cover letter. We look forward to your interest and cooperation.

THANK YOU FROM THE SERVICE COMMISSION

... to Phyllis LaVoie and Virginia Alton who took complete charge of the reception for those making their First Confession and their parents. This was a new experience for them both, and we are grateful for their efforts. We are also grateful to those who brought cookies for that evening, both the parents attending and service commission women.

... to Loretta Alman, Priscilla Kulback, Mary Alice Sietz, Linda Baker and for their babysitting services the evening of the Paschal Dinner. Parents were relieved that the children could be taken care of, and they could relax and be more a part of the service.



Lord,
may those
whom You have called
home
rest in the radiance
of heaven's light +

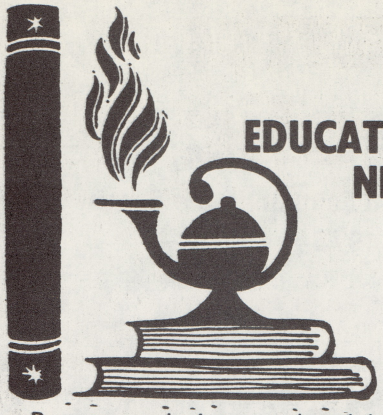
IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Vincent) Max Seeger, age 85, died on Sunday, April 6, 1975. Formerly of 212 N. Huron, Mr. Seeger was a native of Ypsilanti, having been baptized in St. John's Parish in 1889.

He is survived by two sisters, Adelaide and Marie, both of this parish and one brother, Charles of Detroit.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Wednesday, April 9, 1975. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and are thankful to God for the faithfulness of our departed brother, Max.



EDUCATION NEWS

Parents and interested adults are invited to attend the Parish Council meeting on Monday, April 14, at 8:00 P.M. We will discuss the results of the consultation on the first draft of the National Catechetical Directory which will become the guideline for religious education in the United States. Our attention will focus on those sections which concern themselves with the role of the parent in the religious education of children. At this time we will also submit some projections for involving parents in our Parish programs next year and take suggestions.

If you read the Catholic Weekly, you've probably noticed the recent articles devoted to discussing and explaining the National Catechetical Directory. Here briefly is a review of information concerning this document.

WHAT IS A NATIONAL CATECHETICAL DIRECTORY?

It is an official document to be issued by the Catholic bishops of the United States. It is intended to be a pastoral and practical document containing norms and guidelines for teaching religion to all U.S Catholics of all ages and circumstances.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Parents as educators, religious educators and catechists, priests and deacons, publishers and authors of catechetical materials, all concerned Catholics.

WHO IS PRODUCING THE DIRECTORY?

Ultimately it will be approved and published by the bishops. Responsibility for producing the Directory has been given to a Bishops' Committee, a Directory Committee composed of bishops, priests, religious and lay people. Consultation is being sought with all Catholics. There are two more consultations to follow the one which preceded the producing of this first draft. Publication date is expected sometime in 1976.

MAJOR GOALS

1. Process of education for Church members.
2. Experimentation with consultation to determine its effectiveness in deciding major issues in the Church.
3. Production of a U.S. Catechetical Directory that is pastoral and practical.

For meeting read: Chapter Four, Sections 82-85, 92-94 and 109-110.

Copies will be available in the rear of the church for those who wish to prepare for the meeting in advance.

REMINDERS

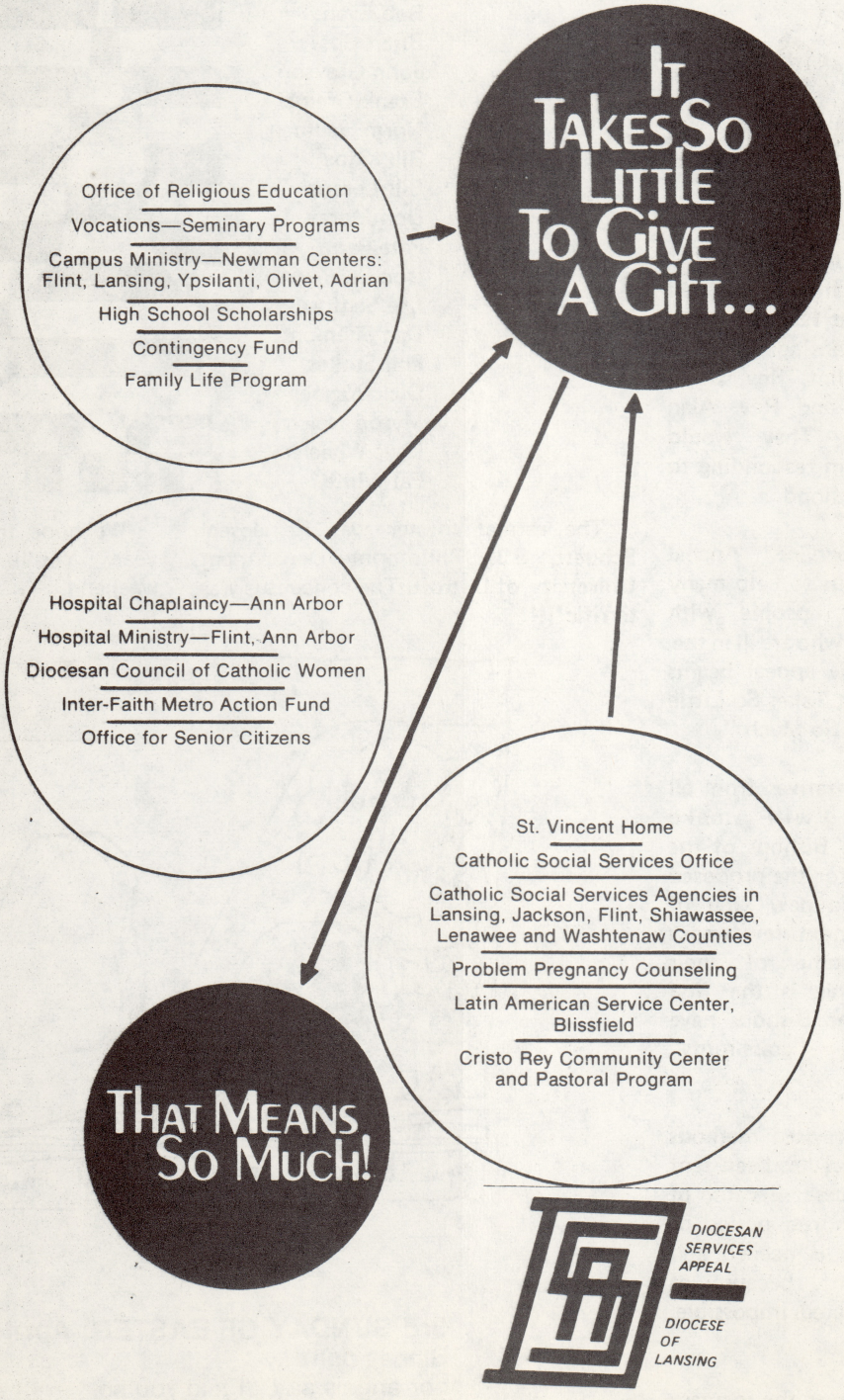
... ST. THOMAS DADS' CLUB meets on Monday, April 14, at 8:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria.

... PROJECT TRANSITION needs women or men from the parish who are interested in helping with the after-care work for people on their own now from Ypsi State Hospital. Meetings are being held at the Baptist Church on Cross Street on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. These are orientation meetings without the patients at this point so that all interested will gain insight on the work to be done. Perhaps you can find time to fit this work into your schedule. Call Mrs. Robert Lee at 482-7452 for more information.

... BINGO WORKERS are still needed on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 10:30 once a month to help as floor workers or kitchen salespersons. Are you interested ... come some Wednesday and see for yourself. We only had one parishioner accept this new invitation.

GENE BUTMAN SALES made an offer to make an automatic donation to St. John's during the month of April to the amount of $25.00 when you purchase your car or truck from his place of business.

BECKY PURSES ARE IN. You will be able to pick them up after all Masses next weekend. Please bring slip and remainder owed with you.


It Takes So Little To Give A Gift...
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Family Life Program
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Hospital Ministry—Flint, Ann Arbor
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Inter-Faith Metro Action Fund
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Catholic Social Services Office
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Problem Pregnancy Counseling
Latin American Service Center, Blissfield
Cristo Rey Community Center and Pastoral Program
That Means So Much!
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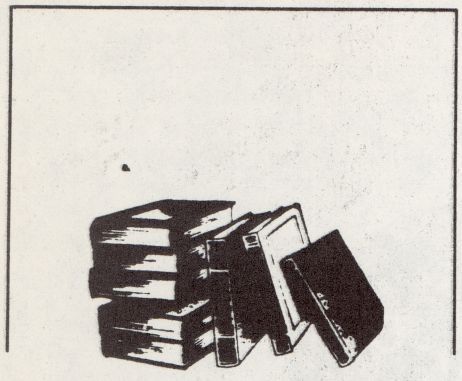

THOUGHTS ... FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Three young men of the Diocese will be ordained on April 19 at 12:00 Noon at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. They are Rev. Gerald Ploof of Flint, Rev. Denis Spitzley of Westphalia and Rev. Alan Wakefield of Lansing. They would appreciate your prayers in responding to the challenge of the priesthood.

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The Diocesan Service Appeal (DSA/75) enables all of us to help many people, senior citizens, people with family problems, those who are ill in the hospital. The parish-wide appeal begins this week. The theme, "It Takes So Little to Give a Gift that Means So Much."

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One hundred representatives from all over the Diocese will make recommendations to the Bishops of the United States this week for the proposed Catechetical Directory (a new kind of catechism). During the next few weeks we will summarize some of their suggestions for you. This is the first document, ever, that the Bishops have written after getting "grass-roots" reaction.

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A manual explaining revised methods of handling marriage cases has been sent to all priests of the Diocese. Because of the new procedures, a shorter period of time in processing cases is needed and some cases which might, because of complications have appeared impossible, could be reconsidered.

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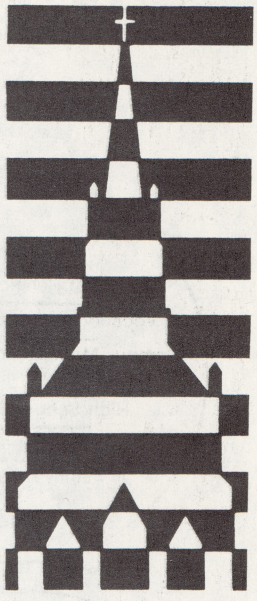
Pope Paul, agonizing over the increase in conflict declared that stepped-up arms sales "feed the conflicts and multiply the risk of war." The United States sells 62% of the world's arms.

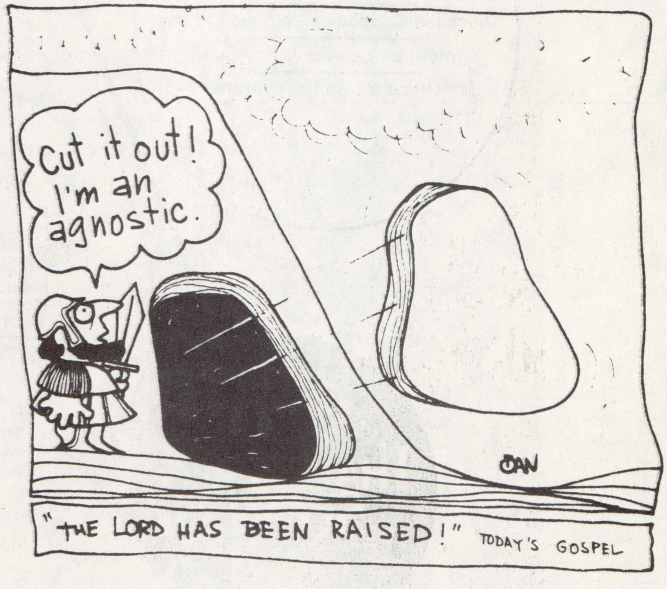
During the weekend of April 4-6, the following men of St. John's and neighboring parishes made a retreat at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Bill Anhut
Paul Carroll
Jack Ennen
Bob Evans
Brian Goss
John Grayson
Frank Greiner
Norm Hallman
Bill Krips
Bill Lorenz
Don Moray
Pete Parin
Don St. Pierre
Lee Sanford
Dan Shemon
Phil Stokes
Dick Wagner
Myron Welch
Dave Wheeler
Pat White



The retreat master was Fr. Joseph Schuett, S.J., Philosophy Department, University of Detroit. The concensus was, terrific!!!!!

We hope to have a larger crew next year. You'll never enjoy a better weekend.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER: April 13

Stones don't fly
nor angels say, "I told you so."
But somehow the marvelous happens.
Day returns. And the dead live.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Seventeen Dominican Sisters will be celebrating their Diamond Jubilee at Maria Hall Chapel in Adrian today. Among them will be Sister M. Juliana, sister of Mrs. Mil Kerner of this parish.

Father Terrence Kerner will be the principal concelebrant. Father Iott, O.P., cousin of Sister Rose Catherine, will give the homily.

Relatives and friends will celebrate with Sister in the afternoon.

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA APRIL 14, 1975

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of March 10, 1975, Minutes
3. Commission Reports:
   - A. Administration - Dave Wheeler
     1. Financial Report
     2. Minutes of Commission Meeting
     3. Renovation Report
     4. Projection of Construction Plans
        - a. Patio Roof
        - b. Trees on Ballard
        - c. Shrine Face-lift
   - B. Education - Doreen Binder
     1. Catechetical Directory Discussion
     2. Budget Submission
   - C. Service - Natalie Bowyer
     1. Financial Reports
     2. Commission Report
     3. Budget Submission
   - D. Worship - Vera Clyne
     1. Commission Report
     2. Budget Submission
4. Old Business
   - A. Parish Council Nominees - Dick Wagner
   - B. CATHOLIC WEEKLY news releases
   - C. Newcomer List
5. Announcements
   Personnel Changes
6. New Business
   - A. Personnel Request
   - B. WORD OF GOD hall rental request
7. Adjournment

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, April 14 - Weekday
- 7:00 AM Harold Lonskey, Birthday Remembrance by his Family
- 2:30 PM Marie McDaid, req. by Mrs. Iva Schramm (at Parkview Nursing Home)

TUESDAY, April 15 - Weekday
- 7:00 AM Fred & Kim Gillman, req. by Mary Budinger
- 9:00 AM Alek and Winifred Murtagh, req. by Don & Betty Racine

WEDNESDAY, April 16 - Weekday
- 7:00 AM Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault
- 9:00 AM Max Seeger, req. by Harold Benner & Lucile Meanwell

THURSDAY, April 17 - Weekday
- 7:00 AM Mary Murtagh, req. by Don & Betty Racine

FRIDAY, April 18 - Weekday
- 7:00 AM Clara Gonyou, req. by Virginia Gefre and Jean Richardson

SATURDAY, April 19 - Weekday
- 9:00 AM NO MASS OR HOLY COMMUNION
- 11:30 AM Wedding of Paul Godek and Nancy Carter
- 1:00 PM Nuptial Mass for Mark E. Millage and Marilyn K. Denoyer
- 5:00 PM Andy Kelly, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly

SUNDAY, April 20
- 7:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
- 9:00 AM The Joseph Hutting Family, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
- 11:00 AM Henry Dignan, req. by Mrs. Frank Blaha
- 12:30 PM Intention of Sr. M. Juliana, Diamond Jubilee, req. by Laverne Kerner Family

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 19
- 5:00 PM Rob Eberts and Jim Eberts

SUNDAY, April 20
- 7:00 AM Larry Koch and Tim McCarthy
- 9:00 AM Mike Wideman and Pat Wideman
- 11:00 AM Bill Wagner and Danny Gefre
- 12:30 PM Mike Presensky and Mike Cicirelli

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 19
- 5:00 PM . . . . . Mike Schroer

SUNDAY, April 20
- 7:00 AM . . . . . Lee Sanford
- 9:00 AM . . . . . Joseph McCadden
- 11:00 AM . . . . . Gene Butman
- 12:30 PM . . . . . Jim Koehler

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 19
- 5:00 PM . . . . . Frank Wawrzaszek

SUNDAY, April 20
- 7:00 AM . . . . . Dick Wagner
- 9:00 AM . . . . . Vera Clyne
- 11:00 AM . . . . . Laura Brancheau
- 12:30 PM . . . . . Conrad Smith

LAY DISTRIBUTORS

SATURDAY, April 19
- 5:00 PM . . . . . Paul Brancheau

SUNDAY, April 20
- 9:00 AM . . . . . Ann McCarthy
- 11:00 AM . . . . . Clem Budinger
- 12:30 PM . . . . . Ed Look

USHER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 19
- 5:00 PM Barney Hughes, Wayne Jackson, Vance Quigley, Cy Corkin, David Jacques, Myron Welch

SUNDAY, April 20
- 7:00 AM Ted Weber, Pat O'Hara, Ralph Schmuckal, Jr., Dean Cannon, Douglas Nowling, Joseph DeFilippi
- 9:00 AM Ivan Egbert, Leonard Husse, Charles Parsons, Steve Adamick, Steve Meier, Ralph Powell
- 11:00 AM William McCarthy, Jim Mooney, John Romeli, Vita Calianno, David Rocha, Joseph Vasher
- 12:30 PM Frank Koss, Becky L'Amoreaux, Frank Wahla, Lewis Gregory, Polly L'Amoreaux, Earl Herbert

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1975

- 9:00 AM Paul Brancheau, Laura Brancheau, Dawn Brown and Fran DePuydt
- 11:00 AM Denise Israel, Melva Perez and Velma Perez

WEDDING BANNS

III Mark E. Millage and Marilyn K. Denoyer
III Paul Godek and Nancy Carter
II John Stolaruk and Denise Weakly
II William Chapelle and Dawn Hoobler

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